

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CHIGNIK ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE  
ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**

Whereas, the Chignik Advisory Committee (AC), representing the Chignik commercial fishermen, local communities (five villages), the general public, and sport and subsistence fishermen, is authorized by Alaska Statute 16.05.260 for the purpose of providing a local forum for the collection and expression of opinions and recommendations on matters related to the management of fish and wildlife resources.

Whereas the Chignik Advisory Committee operates in compliance with the regulations covered in 5 AAC Chapters 96-97.

Whereas, the five Native communities of the Chignik area (Chignik, Chignik Lagoon, Chignik Lake, Perryville, and Ivanof Bay) are culturally and economically dependent on Black Lake (early run) and Chignik Lake (late run) sockeye salmon runs.

Whereas, the Chignik AC strongly believes that the best science needs to be applied in the management of the two Chignik sockeye salmon runs.

Therefore, be it resolved that the analysis and findings of the sockeye salmon genetic identification (GSI) samples collected in 2018 be fully detailed in the 2018 Chignik Annual Salmon Management Report (AMR) as well as reported to the Chignik AC, Chignik Regional Aquaculture Association (CRAA), the University of Washington (FRI), and the Alaska Board of Fisheries during the Chignik Board meeting in February 2019. This should include the early August 2018 GSI sample that the Department, to date, has refused to process albeit that funding assistance has repeatedly been offered by CRAA and others.

Therefore, be it further resolved that the following resource recommendations be fully included and reflected in the Chignik area harvest and management strategy for 2019:

1. The Chignik early and late sockeye salmon runs should be managed using the best scientific data available which includes in-season genetic stock sampling results while not necessarily being tied to a genetic model that fails to account for between-year run strength and migration timing variabilities. The Department should have the best up to date data available and the management flexibility to most appropriately deal with unexpected variables in run strength and timing in real time during the season. The Department should consider CRAA economic and logistic assistance as needed.
2. The Chignik sockeye escapement goals shall be defined to where a minimum number of adult females occur in each of the two escapements and not more than 10% of the escapements are one-ocean age fish or jacks counted toward escapement requirements.
3. In years when GSI results are available for the Igvak and SEDM interception fisheries and the results indicate a majority presence of non-Chignik sockeye salmon, as occurred two years ago at Igvak, the non-local component is to be excluded in forecasting the two Chignik runs and escapement goal calculations. More specifically, non-Chignik sockeye salmon should be excluded from the Chignik brood tables.

4. Annually, CRAA should be permitted a courtesy review of the Chignik annual harvest management strategy document before it is finalized and any recommendations offered by CRAA be provided in a timely manner for their consideration.



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